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HEALTH COMMITTEE AT THE END OF 1973.

Chairman:

Councillor J.B. LUNDY.

Deputy Chairman:

Councillor A.J. JONES.

THE MAYOR - Alderman E. Grimbalderson, J.P.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR - Councillor T.V. Beswarick J.P.

Alderman A. E. Collins

" R. Moore

" E. Rosewarne

" J. Sutch, B.E.M., J.P.

Councillor A.V. Chadwick, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E., M.I.M.C.

" J. P. Connell.

" M. Kelly.

" Miss. J.G. Kemp, J.P.

" Mrs. E.M. Rimmer.

" Mrs. B. Taylor.

" A. G. Tickle.

" Mrs. R. Beswarick.

" R. Thompson.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1973

Medical Officer of Health:

J. G. HAILWOOD,
M.D., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

MAUREEN E. MURPHY,
M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst., R.C.O.G.,

Chief Public Health Inspector:

R. SPENCER, D.P.A. (L'pool).

Public Health Department,
The Esplanade,
Waterloo,
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Medical Officer of Health.

May 1974.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1973.

Area (land and inland water 4,499 acres, foreshore 2,321 acres)... 6,820

Population at mid-1973 as estimated by Registrar General..... 56,750

Population at 1971 census.....57,405

Number of inhabited houses as at end of 1973.....18,715

Rateable value as at 31st December, 1973..... £5,409,976

Sum represented by a penny rate.....£51,700

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births.....	375	339	714
Live birth rate per 1,000 population...			12.5
Stillbirths.....	7	7	14
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths..			15
Total live and stillbirths.....			728
Deaths.....	359	438	797
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population.....			14.0
Infant deaths (deaths under one year).....			7
Infant mortality rate.....			9.8

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946 - SECTION 22.

Care of Mothers and Young Children.

elaxation Classes.

No. of sessions..... 50

No. of individuals attending..... 61

No. of attendances.....501

hild Health Centres - Attendances.

	No. of sessions.	No. of individual children who attended and were born in:			No. of attendances by children at ages:			Average attendances by all children per session.
		1973	1972	1968-1971.	0-	1-	2-4	
rince Street, Waterloo.	93	139	130	168	1812	331	354	26
lexandra Hall, Great Crosby.	106	182	201	106	2997	568	613	39
eaforth Library, Seaforth.	51	98	89	96	1359	396	433	42
retlands Road, Thornton.	85	135	137	187	2372	778	940	48
	335	554	557	557	8540	2073	2340	38.7

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946 - SECTION 22.

Congenital Malformations.

Specified malformation of heart.	-	1
Unspecified malf. of respiratory system.	-	1
Malformation of nose.	-	1
Downs syndrome.	-	1
Exomphalos.	-	1
Anencephalus.	-	3
Talipes.	-	1
Rectal and anal atresia and stenosis.	-	1
Other specified malformations of urino-genital organs.	-	1
Spina bifida.	-	1
Hypospadias.	-	1
		13.

It will be noted that some of the children were suffering from more than one malformation.

Dental Treatment.

Dental Clinic Attendances (except School children).

	Infants not yet attending school.	Expectant and nursing mothers.
No. examined.....	105	26
No. needing treatment.....	57	26
No. treated.....	54	26

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946 - SECTION 24.

Health Visiting.

Visits Paid.

Children under 5 years.....	9018.
Children 5 - 16 years.....	200.
Adults - under 65 years.....	658.
65 and over.....	1558.
Ineffective Visits.....	2068.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946 - SECTION 25.

Home Nursing.

No. of cases attended.....	1712.
No. of visits paid.....	53,862.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946 - SECTION 26.

Vaccination and Immunisation.

No. of Vaccinations against Smallpox performed.

	At clinics.		By general practitioners.		Total.	
	Age in years.		Age in years.		Age in years.	
	0-4	5-15.	0-4	5-15.	0-4	5-15.
Primary vaccination.	-	-	12	22	12	22
Re-vaccination.	-	15	6	53	6	68

Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and Measles.

Children Protected.

Protection given against.		Year of birth. 1973/70	1969/66	Others under 16	Totals.
Diphtheria.	P.	619	30	3	652
	R.	12	423	27	462
Whooping Cough.	P.	611	16	1	628
	R.	7	112	18	137
Tetanus.	P.	621	30	3	654
	R.	12	424	27	463
Poliomyelitis.	P.	623	27	7	657
	R.	13	427	27	467
Measles.	P.	318	28	3	349
Rubella.	P.	-	-	396	396

P - primary immunisation. R - reinforcement injection.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946 - SECTION 28.

Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care.

Tuberculosis.

In accordance with the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations 1952, 11 new cases were registered during the year compared with 5 the previous year.

B.C.G. Vaccination.

(a) Vaccinations by the Chest Physician.

	Under 16 years of age.	16 years of age and over.	Total.
No. of persons tested.....	97.	7.	104.
No. found positive.....	-	-	-
No. found negative.....	97.	7.	104.
No. of persons vaccinated..	97.	7.	104.

(b) Vaccination of School Children.

	1972.	1973.
No. of schools completed.....	13.	12.
No. of consent forms sent to parents...	1155.	1494.
No. returned - refused.....	96.	126.
consented.....	999.	1173.
No. found positive.....	102.	98.
No. found negative.....	756.	838
No. of children vaccinated.....	745.	835.

Cervical Cytology.

No. of women examined.....	400.
No. of positive swabs.....	Nil.
No. referred to General Practioners for other conditions.....	65.

Chiropody.

No. of Clinic Sessions held...432.

	In Clinic.	At Home.
No. of Individual patients treated...	898.	67.
No. of Treatments given.....	2755.	131.

Occupational Therapy.

During the year 68 visits were made to 23 handicapped persons.

Medical Examinations.

Fitness for employment.....	33.
Children in care of the Social Services Committee....	35.
Entry to Teachers Training Colleges.....	95.
Entrants to teaching profession.....	4.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Adulteration of Food - Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

During the year 168 samples of food and drugs were purchased and submitted for analysis. 56 were formal and 112 were informal samples. 3 samples were reported as being below the required standard or as otherwise giving rise to irregularity.

The Food Hygiene Regulations 1970.

These regulations are designed to ensure the hygienic preparation, labelling, and storage of foods, and the cleanliness and suitability of premises and utensils. The following premises in the Borough are subject to these regulations:-

Type.	No. of Premises.
Grocers	79
Greengrocers	35
Fishmongers	8
Butchers	50
Bakers and/or Confectioners	26
Fried Fish Shops	20
Shops selling mainly sweets, minerals and ice-cream	79
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes	93
Mobile Food Vehicles	7

The following inspections were made:-

Butchers Shops	53
Other food shops, vehicles and premises	354

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Hawkers of Food - Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act.

Hawkers of food and their premises are required to be registered under this Act. Seven hawkers are registered to trade in the Borough and periodical inspection of their vehicles ensured a satisfactory standard being maintained

Ice-Cream - Food and Drugs Act. 1955 - Section 16.

83 visits were paid to premises registered for the storage and sale of ice cream under the above section. 72 samples were taken for bacteriological examination and submitted to a methylene blue reduction test. 70 samples were reported as satisfactory, 61 being placed in grade one and 9 in grade two, whilst the two unsatisfactory samples were placed in grade three and one in grade four.

Milk Supply - The Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959. The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1963/72.

At the end of the year 87 persons were registered as distributors of milk, and in each case a dealers licence was in force for the sale of pre-packed designated milk.

The number of dealers authorised to deal in milk of the following designations was:-

Untreated - 1. Pasteurised-86. Sterilised-45. Ultra Heat Treated-8

Visits of inspection during the year numbered 123. 99 samples of milk were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year. The results of these tests are set out on the following page.

Milk Supply.(Cont'd)

Test.	Number of samples submitted	Number satis-factory	Number Unsatis-factory.	Number Void.
Methylene Blue Test	79	58	5	16
Phosphatase Test	79	79	-	-
Turbidity Test	19	19	-	-
Colony Count Test	1	1	-	-

Unsound Food.

During the year the undermentioned quantities of food were found to be unfit for consumption and were surrendered voluntarily.

Meat, tins or packets.....1,668 lbs.

Fruit, tins or packets.....3,395 lbs.

Vegetables, tins or packets.....5,908 lbs.

Fish, tins or packets..... 779 lbs.

Soup..... 41 gals.

Milk or cream..... 7 gals.

Beverages..... 71 gals.

Preserves..... 608 lbs.

Ice Cream..... 33 gals.

Dairy Foods..... 151 lbs.

Miscellaneous..... 660 lbs.

HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

Inspection of the District.

No. of dwelling houses inspected under Public Health Act...	3089.
No. of dwelling houses re-visited under Public Health Act..	1485.
No. of dwelling houses inspected under Housing Acts.....	246.
No. of dwelling houses re-visited under Housing Acts.....	16.
No. of other premises inspected..	2360.
No. of other premises re-visited..	280.
No. of complaints received and investigated.....	1765.
No. of preliminary notices served.....	529.
No. of statutory notices served.....	122.
No. of nuisances or defects found.....	1254.
No. of nuisances or defects remedied.....	1068.

Vermin-Infested Premises.

Treatment was carried out at 401 premises involving 1027 rooms on account of infestation by bugs, moths, fleas, cockroaches, ants, silverfish, wasps, woodworm and spider beetles. Bugs were found in 54 Corporation houses and in 38 other houses.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.

Following notification by the occupants, 611 premises were inspected and evidence of infestation by rats found at 201 premises and by mice at 399 premises. All the infestations were treated by the rodent operative.

During the year 400 sewer manholes were baited with flourocetamide.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

This act makes provision for the safety, health and welfare of people employed in certain classes of premises.

The table below gives the number of each class of premises on the register at the end of the year and the number of visits made.

Class.	No. of Premises.	No. receiving a general inspection.
Offices.	136	3
Retail Shops.	389	90
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses.	12	1
Catering establishments Canteens.	37	13
Fuel Storage Depots.	-	-
Number of visits of all kinds.	-	205

36 accidents were reported during the year, all resulting in injuries of a minor nature to the individuals involved. In 14 instances the accident was investigated and advice given where appropriate.

Petroleum Regulations.

27 premises were licenced during the year for the storage of petrol. 16 of these were public filling stations and in the remaining cases, petrol was stored only for use in the licensees' vehicles. Two licences were issued for the storage of cellulose thinners.

Pet Animals Act 1951.

5 licences were granted during the year for the keeping of pet shops.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937/1961.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises.	No. on Register.	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	4	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	67	38	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out workers' premises)	7	3	-	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found.

In 9 instances sanitary conveniences were found to be in need of cleansing or repair and these matters were remedied by the occupier without the necessity for serving notices.

Sanitary Inspection.

1. Inspections for purpose of regulations re: health.

Premises.	No. of Insp. for.	Number of Inspections		
			Written Notices	Prosecutions
1) Premises in which Sections 4, 5(1), and 6 are in operation by Local Authorities	9	4	-	-
2) Premises not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	67	32	-	-
3) Other premises to which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out workers' premises)	7	3	-	-

2. Food in Shops Inspection Card.

In 9 instances sanitary contraventions were found to be in need of alteration or repair and these notices were complied by the occupier without the necessity for serving notices.